

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 20, 1946

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thos. T. Wilson was the presiding officer at a special meeting held at the Hotel Theresa, which started at 2:15.

Present

Newark, Abraham and Effa Manley
Phila Stars, Edward Bolden and Edward Gottlieb
Baltimore, Vernon Green and Thos. T. Wilson
Homestead Grays, Rufus Jackson and S. H. Posey
N. Y. Cubans, Alex Pompez
N. Y. Black Yankees, James Semler and W. A. Leuschner
Secretary, Curtis A. Leak; Frank Forbes, promoter

All Star Game

The East-West Game that is to be played in the east is to be called "All Star Game" and was tentatively set for August 15th, pending an agreement with the NAL, because the date precedes the date of the Chicago Game as there are no parks available immediately after August 15.

Committee to Select Players

The president appointed the following committee to select the players for the All Star and East West games: Alex Pompez, chairman; Abraham Manley and S. H. Posey. The players are to be selected from a list of five players from each club submitted by the owners to the committee, who in turn, is to choose not more than four players from any one team and all teams must have at least one representative.

Number on Team

The team is to be made up of 2 catchers; 6 infielders; 6 outfielders and 6 pitchers. The manager is to be from the pennant winner of the previous year and the coaches are to be the managers of the second and third place clubs. A total of 23 men.

Players Share

The players are to share the All Star money in the same manner as the East-West Game.

John Hayes

John Hayes was reinstated into the league because of his unfamiliarity with the rules and regulations upon his discharge from the Army.

Herro Souther League

Dr. Rueben Jackson, president of the Souther League was permitted into the room and in response to his request for our first half winner to play an All-Star game in some city to be selected later; he was advised to wait and see who would be the winner and to negotiate with them for that particular type of game as we had no rules prohibiting it.

It was also pointed out that his league was not living up to the mutual agreement inasmuch as various teams were not permitting the drafting of players at the draft price of \$300. Specific cases were: Mr. Manley was denied a pitcher by Jacksonville and James Semler could not get an outfielder from Ashville.

At this point the president was excused and Alex Pompey took the chair.

Appeal for Welch

Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the NAL, made an appeal for a "gentlemen's agreement" for the manager of the Cincinnati Crescents not to both any of Welch's players. This was denied.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday June 24 in order to draw up a second half schedule.

The meeting was resumed on Monday June 24 with the following present to draw up a schedule:

N. Y. Cubans, Alex Pompey, chairman
Newark Eagles, Abraham & Riffa Manley
Baltimore, Vernon Green
Homestead Grays, S. H. Posey
N. Y. Black Yankees, W. A. Leuschner
Phila Stars, Edward Gottlieb
Secretary, Curtis A. Leak

Through a courtesy to the Salvation Army Servicemen's Club the group met briefly there and had an informal discussion on the All Star Game.

Dr. B. B. Martin

The above named reported that the NAL was not interested in a game before the East West Game in Chicago; but was convinced it would not be injurious to have the All Star Game in Washington, D. C. on August 15th. He called his president and obtained consent for the NNL to have the All Star Game in Washington, D. C. on August 15th.

The Schedule was completed at the office of the N. Y. Cubans 34 Lenox Avenue.

Exhibition Games

Games schedule between August 15th and August 20th are to be listed as exhibition games.

CURTIS A. LEAK, Secretary